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Stephen Silva, Chief
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RE: Final Rhode Island Water Quality Regulations

Dear Mr. Silva,

Enclosed please find Rhode Island's final Water Quality Regulations for EPA, Region 1 approval per Section 303(c) of the Clean Water Act. On November 5, 2008 the Department announced availability of the draft Water Quality Regulations for public review and comment. A public hearing was held on December 8, 2008 with the public comment period extending through December 9, 2008. The Department has summarized the comments received and the responses to those comments in the enclosed Response to Comments document. Also enclosed is a copy of the Supplemental Documentation which was available during the public comment period. The Regulations were filed with the RI Secretary of State's Office on May 13, 2009 and will be effective on June 2, 2009. Copies of the final Regulations, Response to Comments, and Supplemental Documentation are also available on DEM's website at <http://www.dem.ri.gov/programs/benviron/water/quality/index.htm>.

If you have any questions please contact Angelo Liberti or Connie Carey at 401-222-3961 extensions 7225 and 7239, respectively.

Sincerely,

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Enclosures

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